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ORDER CARSON PAVED TO LONG BEACH

Health Officer Pomeroy Urges Approval of Sewer Bond Issue

WORK WILL BE DONE SOON

Board of Supervisors Instruct Road Dept. to Prepare Plans

BRIDGE FLOOD CONTROL

New Pavement Will Connect Up With Pacific Avenue

Carson street will be paved from Torrance to Long Beach boulevard next summer.

This was assured Monday when the board of supervisors ordered the county road department to prepare specifications and start legal proceedings.

This action by the board followed presentation of a petition signed by about 75 percent of the owners of property abutting on the highway. The petition was circulated by Paul Morris, and calls for National paving.

The board of supervisors' proceedings will provide for a pavement from the shoestring strip to the flood control. The city of Long Beach will construct a bridge across the flood control and carry the pavement to Pacific avenue.

Circulate Petition

A petition is now being circulated in the shoestring strip and will be presented to the Los Angeles city council. The city of Torrance will then be requested to pave Carson street from Cabrillo avenue to Western.

The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce is undertaking the circulation of a petition requesting continuance of the Carson street pavement to Artesia, which would provide a new paved highway from Redondo Beach to Orange county, connecting up with the Santa Ana canyon route to Riverside and San Bernardino.

The importance of this new highway overhangs all other highway improvements in this district, officials believe.

Glady's avenue will soon be paved from Redondo boulevard to Riverside boulevard, connecting up with the paved route to Hawthorne, Inglewood, El Segundo and Santa Monica. With Carson street paved, all traffic between the Long Beach area, Hawthorne and Inglewood and the beach region will pass through Torrance.

On Two Main Roads

For the first time in its history Torrance will be located at the intersection of two main California highways, one running east and west, the other north and south.

When Redondo boulevard in Torrance is extended to Madrona avenue, and when Carson street is paved, an excellent means of handling through traffic will be provided, it is pointed out.

Traffic bound from Western avenue to Redondo could be routed out Redondo boulevard. Traffic from the Long Beach district destined for the district west of Torrance could be routed direct out Carson street. Traffic bound from cities west of Torrance for the Long Beach area could be routed into Torrance via Redondo boulevard to Cravens avenue, via Cravens to Carson, and east on Carson. This system of paved highways would, traffic experts believe, benefit every district of Torrance and insure against congestion at any one point.

Auto Club Men to Be in Torrance on Thursday, Feb. 5th

Members of the Automobile Club of Southern California may receive their 1925 automobile license plates at the office of Gilbert, Hansen and Page on Thursday, Feb. 5, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., when an official of the club will be on hand. Applicants must present their pink certificates of title and their white registration cards.

Observations

Every Walker His Own Traffic Cop—The Opium Parley—Education and Hollywood—Brains Pre-veil—Vote Yes—New Inventions
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IN these days of dense traffic, as someone once pointed out, humanity is divided into two classes, the quick and the dead—the quick being those who jump out of the way and the dead those that do not.

Now comes the city of Los Angeles with new traffic regulations designed to decrease the census of "the dead."

Starting Saturday, a pedestrian crossing the street at an intersection becomes a traffic officer on his own account. By raising his hand, palm toward an approaching automobile, he may command the car to halt, and the motorist must obey or be guilty of a violation.

On the other hand a pedestrian who jay-walks—crosses a street at any point other than an intersection—violates the regulations. So does the pedestrian who attempts to leap his way through traffic against stop signals at intersections.

This latter regulation takes some of the zest out of modern life. We fear that it may tend to make us a race of mollycoddlers. What more stirring adventures could be undertaken than that in which a pedestrian indulges when he contemplates the nimble chamois leaping from crag to crag, and makes his way in quick, nervous jumps and darts across a Los Angeles downtown intersection?

The grand old days of knighthood are gone. And with them have departed many opportunities for personal adventure. Yet none ever deplored their passing while there remained history's greatest test of personal courage available at every busy intersection.

They talk about the gallantry of the middle ages. Why those old knights never knew what bravery was.

Put one of the Crusaders, minus his heavy armor, on the east side of Broadway at 5 p. m., and order him to make his way through the traffic to the west side, and this gentleman would turn churl.

Now the great modern thrill of the cross-roads has been taken away. Too bad, too bad.

EUROPE whiningly asserts that the United States should help humanity by cancelling debts of continental nations.

The United States takes the lead in an attempt to regulate international traffic in narcotic drugs.

These humanitarian efforts are blocked and the opium confectioner dies without accomplishing anything, due principally to the opposition of Great Britain through Viscount Cecil.

Regulation of the opium trade would strike a blow at the export business in British Oriental colonies. And they call Americans "dollar chasers."

ITS proximity to Hollywood should militate against location of the proposed Southern Branch, University of California, at Westwood. Hollywood is the nation's center of extravagance—extravagance in dress, morals, expenditures and living standards.

College professors are poorly paid. To ask them to live next door to a community which flaunts its wealth would be unjust. As instructors college professors and tutors must hold the respect and undivided interest of their students.

How would a meek but noble professor of botany be able to compete in the matter of student interest with the Mack Bennett studio, Barbara LaMarr, or the activities of the famous members of the Hollywood movie colony?

Proximity of the university to Hollywood would most certainly attract the attention of youthful students from those things for which a university is founded.

We fear the competition would be too strong for the university to withstand.

It cannot be possible that the board of regents will overlook these disadvantages when they consider proposed sites for the university.

THE head of a great mastodon has been unearthed near Placencia. Way back in the Miocene period this big bulk browsed among the redwoods that stood in the valleys before the volcanic age. His body was large, but his brain was small.

Through the centuries his body increased in size, while his brain shrank. Then came a day when he had too little intelligence to provide himself with enough food to nourish his gigantic body, and to defend himself against his smaller but brainier natural enemies. So he was exterminated.

Brains always prevail. A crippled Steinmetz is worth more to the world than an army of Jack Dempseys.

THE future of the potentially rich area between Los Angeles and the harbor is dependent in a great measure on the will of the residents to support public improvements.

An opportunity to approve an investment in future development will be presented next month when the people vote on a bond issue for the construction of the proposed district sewer system. The construction of this system is paramount to every other public improvement. Highways for transportation will be useless, up to a certain point, unless an adequate sanitary system is provided to take care of future growth in population.

If Southern California in general and the harbor area in particular hope to progress, it must lay the foundations of its own growth.

THE proposed sewer system is one of those foundations.

TWO recent discoveries demand attention. One is the new German sailless sailboat. The other is the cure for colds by chlorine gas treatment. The boat is the result of the study of air pressure on curved planes, a science advanced by aeronautics. The inventor discovered an arch of resistance on flat sails and concluded that this could be eliminated if the sails were cylindrical and revolving. He built a ship with cylindrical masts made of light metal. These "masts" were motivated to revolve at 100 revolutions per minute. The result was a ship that sailed with ease even in a slight breeze. On account of the low operating cost of such a ship it is possible that the new sailless boat will soon come into general use in coastal freight trade.

The chlorine gas treatment has an interesting history. During the war army medical men noticed that employees of laboratories where chlorine gas was made did not suffer from the flu. It was also noticed that front line troops, operating in areas which had been gassed with chlorine, did not catch the flu. These facts brought about considerable experimenting after the war. Statisticians gathered by the government showed that 90 percent of the residents of the United States have at least one cold a year. Army medical officers started experimenting with chlorine gas in the treatment of colds. Recently they have announced that the treatments have effected complete cures in 90 percent of the thousands of persons treated.

In Washington there is a chlorine gas chamber for the House (Continued on Last Page)

Stately Grace Is Embodied in Brocade Gown



By MME. LISBETH

This graceful bouffant gown fashioned of rich brocade reminds one of the days of the stately minuet.

The brocade itself is a glowing combination of gold, jade green and red. The bodice is perfectly plain and straight, as is the way with this type of dress. It is not cut as low as many, though, and the skirt is gathered on at a line very little below the normal waistline and is very full. Loose sleeves are formed of wide gold lace and a deep flouncing on the bottom of the skirt is of the same.

This flounce is transparent, showing through its mesh glimpses of silken hose to about the height of the newer daytime skirts.

It seems to me as I write that the aim of the up-to-date woman has seldom of late been stately. Simplicity we have in plenty. The simply made frocks have been legion, but their aim, it seems to me, has always been chicness—smartness. And many of the evening frocks have been a bit bizarre, too. There is something a little different about this frock. It has color, grace and simplicity—and dignity withal.

State Exchange Bank Re-Elects All Directors

Officers of 1924 Also Renamed by Bank for Year of 1925

Stockholders and directors of the State Exchange Bank held their annual meetings Tuesday. The stockholders re-elected all the directors, who immediately met and re-elected all the officers. Officers of the bank are: President, J. B. Hines; vice-president, E. C. Abel; cashier, Griffith Jehu. The directors are as follows: J. B. Hines, E. C. Abel, H. A. Nater, W. E. B. Partridge, Carl Hyde, H. H. Dolley, C. L. Bisbee.

Opening of New Christian Church Delayed a Week

Contrary to a recent announcement, the new Christian church will not be ready for occupancy in time for Sunday services. Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter stated today. Services will be held as usual Sunday at Legion hall.

DEEP SAND RUMORS FALSE

Report of Jamieson Production Not Founded on Fact

PROSPECT ENCOURAGING

Cement Off Rogers Test; Lora J. Product Cleans Up Wednesday

While the Lora J. is still pumping water, it is a matter that prevents the arrival of any definite conclusions concerning its future, the Jamieson Oil Company Wednesday landed water string at its second deep test well in Lomita. Casing was cemented at 4134 feet in the Rogers No. 1 on Acacia street, and the cement will be drilled through the first of next week.

Wild rumors concerning production at the Jamieson wells were current throughout the field in Torrance and Lomita Wednesday and yesterday. They arose, no doubt, from a highly encouraging sample taken from the Lora J. Wednesday this well displayed unusual pep and spouted oil and water in a lively manner. A sample was tested and showed only a 15 percent water content. This led the field men of the company to believe that the water was gradually being pumped out of the formation and increased their hopes for clean production from the deep sand.

Yesterday, however, the well was pumping an emulsion with a much higher water content.

Despite this fact, prospects for production from the deep zone were appreciably heightened by the action of the Lora J. Wednesday. It is apparent that water is leaking into the formation at the Lora J., a trouble that will be overcome at the product at the Lora J. Wednesday showed only 15 percent water leads experts to believe that a successful skiff of the Rogers well will be followed by production.

Meantime rumors of production from the second sand are entirely unfounded.

Little Fairies Will Flit Here on January 30

Torrance high school auditorium on Friday evening, Jan. 30, at 7:45, will be changed to Fairyland, and the fairies will be all the little boys and girls who attend kindergarten. Assisted by kiddies from the first grade, they will dramatize the famous old Mother Goose rhymes.

And that's not all. Twenty-five children of the kindergarten who have organized an orchestra will also entertain, and a Japanese dance, which was so successfully given by the pupils of Miss Brown's room, will be repeated.

A reading by a third grade pupil, a skit by the faculty, solos by Miss Louis Lingenfelter, and dancing numbers by the Louise School of Dancing pupils are also features of this program.

The admission is 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. Tickets may be obtained from any pupil in either the high school or elementary school, and each pupil who sells 10 adult tickets will receive a free one.

The proceeds will go for the expense of an international kindergarten convention which will be held in Los Angeles in July of this year. Every kindergarten in the Los Angeles school district is giving an entertainment to add to the fund. As usual, it is expected that Torrance will be first with the best and have a large share in the success of this convention.

Marriage Love Insurance? Wedded Author Says It Is



By MARGERY PICKARD

NEW YORK—"Marriage is love insurance," declares Rita Weisman, author and playwright, who has up to now scoffed at marriage. "As Nellie Revell said to me the other day," she continued, "love is not a question of being able to live with

a man, but of not being able to live without him."

Evidently Miss Weisman has met the man without whom she cannot live, as she recently became the bride of Maurice Marks, New York advertising man. The wedding was quite a family affair, Charles Weisman, the bride's father, giving her away, and the bridegroom's father, Samuel Marks, being the best man. Mrs. Marks declares she will retain her maiden name but, unlike Fannie Hurst, she will live with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Marks have known each other for 19 years, but it was not until two years ago that the romance began. They decided to marry about a year ago and went into a Fifth avenue shop to purchase the ring. When a tray of platinum rings were shown Miss Weisman they reminded her of her grandfather's "rheumatism ring" and she rushed from the shop. Later Mr. Marks designed a ring in the shape of a crown set with square-cut diamonds, which evidently met with her approval.

Ahead the use of her maiden name, Mrs. Marks says she will retain it. "When a person has established a trademark, why change the label?"

The honeymoon will be shortened to permit Miss Weisman to see the rehearsal of her new play, "Moon Magic," which is being put on here. She came to New York from Philadelphia, her birthplace, about fifteen years ago. Besides "Moon Magic," she is the author of "The Acquittal," a play that was successful about four years ago.

High School Bootlegger Is Convicted at Lomita Trial

A JURY of seven women and five men yesterday found Thomas Hill, bootlegger to a boy, guilty on both counts as charged against him, in Judge Hunter's court in Lomita.

For the first charge, violation of the Wright act, the possession of intoxicating liquor, he was fined \$100 or 100 days in jail. On the second charge, violation of the Volstead act or for the sale of liquor, he was given 90 days in the county jail. He was taken by Constable Taber to Los Angeles last evening immediately after the trial and lodged in the county jail.

The evidence as produced in court showed that on the morning of Jan. 1 Constable Taber and Officer Morris noticed a young man alight from an automobile on Narbonne avenue directly in front of the schoolhouse in an intoxicated condition. They took the boy into the office of Judge Hunter, about a square away, and questioned him as to where he had received the liquor.

Boy Is 17

The boy, 17 years of age, became very ill while in the office and it was necessary to call a doctor. When his true serious condition was found out it was necessary to remove the lad to the doctor's office, where the stomach pump was used, which probably saved his life. The boy was then taken to his home and put to bed, after telling the officers when and where he had purchased the whiskey, and also stating that he would go with the officers just as soon as he was physically able and show them the place and "make a buy."

An agreement was made, and at 6 o'clock the next evening the boy was given \$2.50 by the officers, who made three copies of the numbers on the two one-dollar bills. One copy was retained by Officer Morris, one given to Constable Taber, and a copy taken by the boy.

On being asked by one of the jurors if this trip was volunteered on the part of the boy, he answered: "It positively was, and no threats of any kind were made and no recompense received by me."

The lad and a student companion of the same age, alone in a Ford roadster, led the way and stopped their car on Harbor boulevard near Watson road, in front of a hot-dog and soft drink stand. The officers

car was brought to a stop at the same point, but on the opposite side of the street, immediately in front of the Lincoln high school. Before being allowed to enter the place the boys and their car were thoroughly searched for liquor, and none was found.

The boys entered the place and disappeared to the rear part, which is a tent, and in about five minutes returned with a pint bottle of whiskey. Immediately the officers entered the place, and the marked money was found on the defendant, Thomas Hill.

Two other boys were prosecution witnesses. They frankly stated on the stand that they were at Hill's place for the express purpose of purchasing whiskey and that they had paid a deposit of \$6 on the desired half gallon, which was necessary before it would be brought forth, when the transaction was interrupted by the raid.

Four pints of whiskey were lying on one of the tables in the tent and were taken, with the prisoner and the pint purchased by the boy, to the city jail at Torrance, where they were examined, sealed and labeled and, after the prisoner was confined in the Torrance jail, were delivered to Judge Hunter.

The defense stipulated that the bottles contained intoxicating liquor.

The prosecuting attorney was Maj. Heinecke, deputy district attorney of Los Angeles. Thomas Hill, now notorious as the "high school boys' bootlegger," was defended by Attorney Moore of Lomita. Attorney Moore afforded the greatly overcrowded courtroom a few laughs by asking each juror if he or she was a native of Oklahoma.

The four defense witnesses, including the defendant, none over 22 years of age, spoke in bootlegger terms. They referred to the liquor as "liquid and condensed dynamite" and "sweet essence of lye," and continually referred to this rendezvous for minors as the "joint."

Evidence also proved that the defendant has in his employ a boy 16 years old, Hugh Chase, whose age warrants his being in a school room rather than in a "booze joint" with such environment.

During the testimony of Charles Taylor, one of the occupants of the tent, it became necessary for the judge to warn the defendant that he would be very severely dealt with unless he ceased nodding his head, as he was seen by the judge to be trying to influence the testimony of the witness by winks and signs.

APPROVAL VITAL TO DISTRICT

Sanitary Official Urges 'Yes' Vote as Health Necessity

WILL DECREASE DISEASE

Says Children's Ailments Are Lessened by Proper Sewage Disposal

Urging favorable action on the \$2,000,000 bond issue to be voted upon in Sanitation District No. 5 on Feb. 24, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, has unqualifiedly endorsed the proposed \$12,500,000 metropolitan sewage disposal project, which will eventually care for the needs of virtually all of Los Angeles county outside of the limits of Los Angeles.

In a statement issued by Dr. Pomeroy, who is chief of the county health department, all voters in this district are asked to vote "Yes" on the sewer bonds.

Urges 'Yes' Vote

"A bond issue for \$2,000,000 will be presented to the voters of Sanitation District No. 5 on Feb. 24," said Dr. Pomeroy. "This bond issue will provide funds for the construction of trunk sewers within this district and will also defray the district's portion of the cost of the outfall sewer of the metropolitan sewer project. As your health officer, I respectfully urge you to vote favorably on this measure, which will enable this district to participate in the far-reaching sanitation project."

"While it is true that, under certain conditions, it is possible for a family to provide sanitary cesspools and other means of sewage disposal as an individual unit, as a matter of practical experience we find that 75% of these installations are unsatisfactory from the beginning of their installation, or shortly become so for various reasons. Furthermore, as yet, outside of cities, there has been no standard set for installation of plumbing, the type of cesspool, or the standard cesspool for an outhouse."

Health Measures

"Until outlet sewers are built this uncertain condition cannot be corrected. In addition to this, the records show that certain diseases, particularly those of infants, intestinal disturbances of all kinds, and all of the infectious diseases of intestinal origin, diminish to a great extent after the installation of proper sewage disposal."

"From a health standpoint, therefore, I would urge every voter in Sanitation District No. 5, of which this city is a part, to vote 'Yes' on the sewer bonds when they come up for passage on Feb. 24."

Oilers To Play Battleship Nine Here on Sunday

U. S. S. California Team Will Meet C.-C. M. O. Baseball Outfit

What promises to be a real thriller in the way of a ball game will be staged at the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company's ball park next Sunday when the crack team from the U. S. S. California will cross bats with Eddie Copeland's pastimers.

The Oilers, having an open date for Sunday due to the Fairview Heights club dropping out of the Double A League, were fortunate in matching a game with the strong team from the California, who hold the championship of the Pacific fleet.

This is sure to be an intensely interesting game, for both clubs are playing gilt-edge ball, and fans who enjoy a good lively game of baseball should not fail to be on hand Sunday at 2 p. m.